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CHARLES R.

WHereas the *French* King pretending the execution of a Defensive Treaty with the States General of the *United Provinces*, and thereby determining Us to be the Aggressors and Invadors of them (the contrary of which is most notoriously known to all the World) did on the $\frac{16}{26}$ of *January* last Declare Warr against Our Subjects, making himself

himſelf thus the Aggreſſor, and rendering the Peace We have always deſired with the ſaid States more difficult, towards which the French Kings Ambaſſadours never offered either ſatisfaction for paſt Injuries done to Our Subjects, or a fair Regulation of the Commerce for the future; We relying upon the help of God Almighty in the Juſtice of Our Cauſe, and being aſſured of the Valour and Affections of Our Subjects in the Defence thereof, have thought fit to Declare, and by theſe Preſents do Declare, That We will oppoſe the French King, and vigorouſly proſecute this War which he hath ſo unjuſtly begun, with the utmoſt of Our Force by Sea and Land, in the maintenance and defence of our Subjects, enjoyning hereby Our moſt dear and entirely beloved Brother Our High Admiral, and Our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Coſen and Councellour *George* Duke of *Albemarle*, General of our Forces by Land, Our Lieutenants of the ſeveral Counties, and all other Officers and Souldiers under them both by Sea and Land, to oppoſe all attempts of the French

King

King or his Subjects, and to do and execute all Acts of Hostility in the prosecution of this War against the French King, his Vassals and Subjects; Willing and requiring all Our Subjects to take notice of the same, whom We henceforth streightly forbid upon pain of Death to hold any Correspondence or Communication with the said French King or his Subjects (those onely excepted who are necessitated thereunto for the withdrawing their Persons and Estates out of France.) And because there are remaining in Our Kingdomes many Subjects of the French King, and likewise of the States General of the United Provinces; We do declare and give Our Royal Word, That all such of the French or the Dutch Nation, as shall demean themselves dutifully towards Us, and not correspond with our Enemies, shall be safe in their Persons and Estates, and free from all molestation and trouble of any kind. And further, We do declare, That if any of the French or Low-Country Subjects, either out of affection to Us or our Government, or because of the

oppression

oppreſſion they meet with at home, ſhall come into Our Kingdomes, they ſhall be by Us protected in their Perſons and Eſtates, and eſpecially thoſe of the Reformed Religion, whoſe intereſt ſhall even be moſt particularly owned by Us.

Given at Our Court at VVhitehall, *the ninth day of* February *in the eighteenth year of our Reign* 166$\frac{5}{6}$.

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